

## TO PROBE MERCER

### SUPREME COURT FINALLY DECIDES ON AN IMPORTANT STEP.

Grants the State of Washington Leave  
to File Suit in the Northern Securities  
Company Case.

### COMMISSIONER TO BE NAMED

### AND THE MERGER QUESTION TO BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED.

Remark by Justice White That Indicated  
the Court Thought the Time  
Was Ripe for Inquiry.

### HILL, MORGAN AND OTHERS

### PROBABLY WILL BE EXAMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

Case Regarded as One of the Most  
Vital That Has Come Before the  
Justices in Years.

### YOUNG WOMAN POISONED

### CASE RESEMBLING THAT OF IL- FATED JENNIE BOSSCHETER.

Mary Etta Shipp, a Silkworker, Drinks  
at a Roadhouse with a Young Man  
and Dies in Agony.

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### FURTHER DETAILS OF THE OHIO RIVER STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

### REVISED LIST OF VICTIMS

### ALSO NAMES OF PASSENGERS AND CREW WHO WERE SAVED.

### SEVERAL INDIANANS AMONG THOSE WHO PERISHED IN THE FLAMES OR IN THE SWIFT-RUNNING WATER.

### FOUR CATTLEMEN SHOT.

### One Killed and Three Mortally Wounded in a Fight.

### TRIAL OF CAPTAIN POODY.

### District Attorney Jerome Defends His Prosecution of the Case.

### NEW YORK, April 21.—Police Captain Poody was placed on trial today before Police Commissioner Partridge on charges alleging that he had been guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer, conduct injurious to the public peace, neglect and disobedience of orders and failure to perform his duties.

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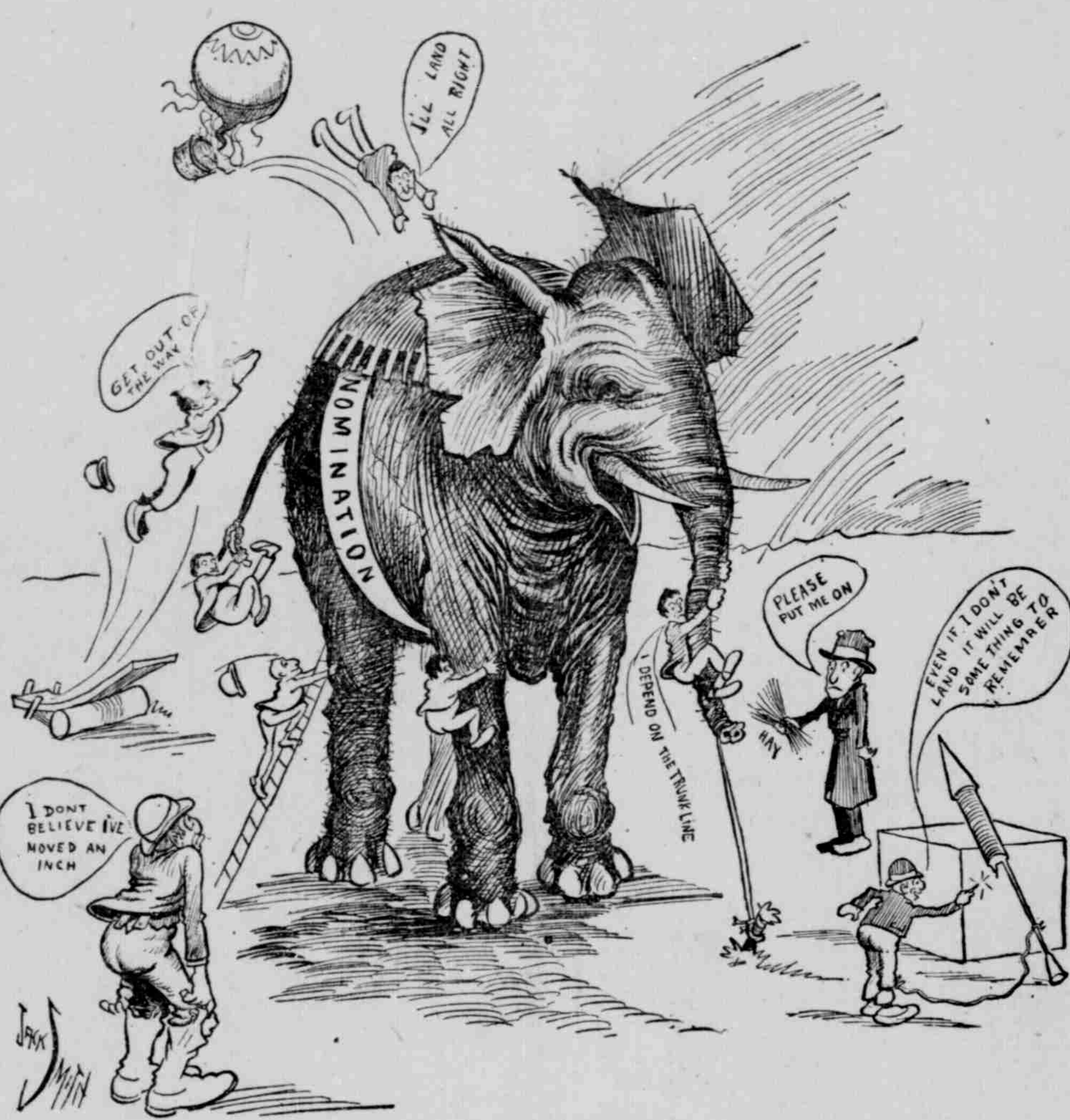
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## ALL ABOARD!



## CROWD IS COMING

### RECEIVED AS SUGGESTIONS.

These expressions were received by Chairman Goodrich in the form of suggestions from the various members of the party present and will be reshaped by the committee, which will meet at 10 o'clock this morning in the office of Chairman Harris.

Some discussion arose during the conference as to whether national issues, particularly questions now occupying the attention of Congress, should be touched upon in the platform. One of the suggestions made was that the platform should express approval of Judge Crumpacker's resolution to appoint a committee of inquiry to consider reducing congressional representation in Southern States and to disenfranchise disfranchised Representative Hemenway, who spoke at some length, said he believed it would be better to leave the question of national issues out of the platform since the attitude of all the Republican representatives in Congress had not been clearly defined. Mr. Crumpacker himself, while not favoring positively a definite plank expressing approval of the resolution, gave it as his view that conventions should whenever possible express the sentiment of the people on all great questions. He thought that the Republican party is always strongest when assuming a stand upon a question of principle without looking into it first to see if it will be popular. The question may be considered by the platform committee this morning.

It was also suggested in view of the fact that the present law providing for the employment of convict labor expires in 1904 that the platform committee should express its opinion on the legislation upon that important topic. Governor Durbine was asked by the chairman to say something along that line, and he remarked that while he had not sufficient opportunity to investigate the matter thoroughly he had considered calling together labor leaders of prominence throughout the State, with a view of obtaining from them their ideas on the subject. He had also considered, he said, the feasibility of bringing together, without regard to political considerations, a number of well-known men of the State to act

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## CROWD IS COMING

### HOTEL LOBBIES THROGGLED BY EN- THUSIASTIC REPUBLICANS.

Headquarters of Candidates at the  
Denison Present Unusual Scenes  
of Activity.

### MUCH GOOD-NATURED RIVALRY

### THERE IS REASON FOR THE DESIRE TO BE NOMINATED.

With That Accomplished Candidates  
Feel That the Offices Are  
In Sight.

### INTEREST IN THE CONVENTION

### ONE OF THE BIGGEST GATHERINGS EVER ASSEMBLED IN CITY.

Many Members of Congress from In-  
diana Will Be Here To-Day—  
Headquarters Gossip.

## DESTROYED BY QUAKE

### QUEZALTEANGO AND AMATITLAN, GUATEMALA, ARE IN RUINS.

### Unconfirmed Rumor That 500 Persons Perished—Survivors Camping Near the Scene of the Cataclysm.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The three earth-  
quakes on Friday night reduced to ruins  
Quezaltenango, the second city of im-  
portance in Guatemala, and having 25,000  
inhabitants, and completely destroyed the  
town of Amatitlan, says a Guatemala City  
(Guatemala) dispatch to the Herald. Both  
of these towns were capitals of the depart-  
ments of the same name each bears. It is  
reported that five hundred persons were  
killed in Quezaltenango, but the rumor  
lacks confirmation. The exact loss of life  
cannot be ascertained. News of the de-  
struction, which extended one hundred  
miles along the Western part of the repub-  
lic, is coming in slowly because all of the  
telegraph wires are down. It is known that  
Amatitlan exists no more as a town, the  
seismic disturbances having been so great.  
The inhabitants—that is those of the ten  
thousand residents who escaped death in  
the cataclysm—are camping in the open air  
for safety, not daring to return to the  
ruined confines of the town. Some of the  
inhabitants are building temporary mud  
dwellings.

More news has been obtained about the  
condition of affairs at Amatitlan. The  
condition of the town is such that it is  
impossible to get into the town. The  
latter is situated about one hundred miles  
to the north.

Couriers say earthquake shocks are still  
being felt at short intervals. There have  
been serious seismic disturbances along the  
Corrillera, affecting towns and villages be-  
tween Amatitlan and Quezaltenango.

No reliable information regarding the  
loss of life or the extent of property de-  
struction in these immediate places has  
reached here. Slight disturbances were felt  
at Guatemala City, but no great damage  
resulted.

### SEVEN DEAD IN ONE ROOM.

### Members of a Colored Family Who Probably Had Been Poisoned.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Dead in a stuffy bed-  
room in a crowded tenement quarter on  
State street the bodies of an entire colored  
family numbering seven persons were found  
to-night gnawed by rats and in an advanced  
state of decomposition. The police incline  
to a theory of murder and suicide by  
poison. The family is that of Jones Butler,  
freight broker, and consisted of his wife,  
his wife and five children. They had been  
dead for eight days. While the members  
of his family were either partly or wholly  
undressed, the body of Butler remained en-  
tirely clothed. He had seemingly thrown  
himself in desperation across the corpses  
of his wife and children some time after  
the poison had acted on them. Butler had  
frequent difficulties with his wife and had  
made threats to do away with his family.  
It is thought that despondency due to  
brooding over the conditions surrounding  
his family, who were in utter poverty,  
caused Butler to go insane and take the  
lives of all seven.

### CHINESE COURT ALARMED.

### Did Not Go to the Hunting Park Owing to Popular Unrest.

PEKING, April 21.—The prevalent popu-  
lar uneasiness has cut short the outing of  
the Chinese court at the hunting park. The  
court arrived at the park, which is five  
miles from Peking, to-day and intended  
to remain there one week. But officials  
buried after them and begged them to re-  
turn immediately to Peking in order to  
allay the uneasiness of the masses, among  
whom all sorts of rumors are circulating.

### Nan-King Surrounded.

HONG-KONG, April 21.—A dispatch re-  
ceived here from Wn-Chow contradicts the  
report, current at Canton Saturday, that  
Nan-Ning, province of Kwang-Si, had  
been captured by the rebels. Nan-Ning  
is still safe, though surrounded, at a  
distance of fifteen miles, by rebel forces.  
Rumors of communication with Nan-Ning  
remain open.

### BRITAIN NOT ALARMED.

### American Mules Will Continue to Be Shipped to South Africa.

CHICAGO, April 21.—"Mules will continue  
to be shipped to South Africa as long as the  
Almighty rules America," declared General  
Sir Robert Stewart, an officer of high rank  
in the artillery branch of the British army,  
who arrived in Chicago to-day. "England  
is not at all alarmed over the investigation  
at New Orleans," continued General Ste-  
wart. "There is no denying that mules and  
horses are shipped to South Africa by our  
government, and it is nonsense to say that  
stopping it. We probably will begin ship-  
ping our American mules to South  
Africa."

When General Stewart returns to London  
he will report favorably on the adaptability  
of mules and horses for use in the British  
army. While here he has arranged for the  
purchase of hundreds of the wiry little  
animals, however, the government act favorably  
on his report.

## FEW BODIES YET FOUND

### FURTHER DETAILS OF THE OHIO RIVER STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

Of the 145 Persons Aboard the City  
of Pittsburgh About One-Half Are  
Still Missing.

### REVISED LIST OF VICTIMS

### ALSO NAMES OF PASSENGERS AND CREW WHO WERE SAVED.

### SEVERAL INDIANANS AMONG THOSE WHO PERISHED IN THE FLAMES OR IN THE SWIFT-RUNNING WATER.

CAIRO, Ill., April 21.—After searching  
two days the death roll of the burned  
steamer City of Pittsburgh has not been re-  
duced any from the first reports. Of the  
one hundred and forty-five people on the  
boat when it burned yesterday morning  
about half are still missing and to-night  
no further hope for them is expressed. The  
books and valuables of the boat, crew and  
passengers are still in the ruins. The  
wreck is above water and still smoldering  
to-night. Owing to the heated condition  
of the hull search for those cremated in  
it has not been begun and very few of the  
bodies of those who are drowned have been  
recovered, owing to the swift current at  
the scene of the disaster.

A careful estimate by those who were  
aboard the City of Pittsburgh to-night puts  
the loss of life at sixty-three as the lowest,  
and the opinion of some who have kept a  
tab on the missing is that the list will  
approximate 100. There is no means of ob-  
taining the exact figures, as the register  
of passengers and the list of the crew were  
burned, and Pursuer Dana Scott and others  
rely on their memories in making the esti-  
mate. Of this appalling death list only  
three bodies have been recovered and iden-  
tified up to a late hour to-night.

A revised list of the missing and saved  
follows:

—Missing Passengers.—  
CAPTAIN WESS ROSS, body recovered.  
MISS MARY TESSIN, Cannellon, Ind.,  
body recovered.

—THREE CHILDREN OF MRS. FANNIE  
M'CUILLION, Leavenworth, Ind., one body  
recovered.

PATRICK BURT, WIFE AND TEN  
CHILDREN, of Owensboro, Ky., one child  
only survives of the entire family of thirty-  
two.

A CHILD OF PILOT PRITCHARD.  
CLAY BREEZE, WIFE AND SON, of  
Uniontown, Ky.

CHILD OF A. M. ALLEN, Pittsburg.  
H. GREER, Clermont, Ky.

M. COOPER, Cincinnati.  
MR. AND MRS. T. H. ADAMS, of James-  
town, O.

MRS. LEACH, La Salle, Ill.  
MR. DOWNS, of Memphis.

THOMAS SMITH, Memphis.  
MISS MARIE LISTER, Carrollton, O.

MRS. DAVIS, of Memphis.  
MISS SWEENEY, of Owensboro, Ky.

HORLOW DOWE, Ashland, Ky.  
L. L. HUNTER, of Thilfoute, Pa.

UNKNOWN CHILD.  
COLORED MAN AND WIFE, of Pa-  
ducah, Ky.

TWO MESSRS. WORTHINGTON, of  
Pittsburg, La. and Mrs. L. D. LADY.

WOMAN, from Bayou Maitre.

—Crew Lost.—  
Tom Smith, cook, Memphis; James  
Brown, colored, freeman, Louisville;  
John Nelson, roustabout, Louisville;  
Theodore Nelson, roustabout, Louisville;  
John Davis, roustabout, Louisville;  
Joe Redding, Cincinnati, striker engineer;  
Fred Jones, Newport, Ky., striker engineer;  
William Reiter, Hollinger, Cincinnati, first  
steward; Henry Thomas, colored, Chica-  
go, second steward; John Botts, Cin-  
cinnati, cook; Tony Guilfoyle, Cincinnati, bac-  
ker; Albert McDowan, cook, Cincinnati;  
E. D. Holly, sailorman, Cincinnati; Sam  
Spinkston, Point Pleasant, W. Va., daugh-  
ter of Mrs. Tunneymer; Margaret Bridges,  
Louisville; Jennie Beesli, Lexington; Mr.  
and Mrs. E. K. Staton, Carversville, Ky.; W.  
H. Thompson, St. Louis; S. R. Leach and

## DRAFT OF PLATFORM

### AN IMPORTANT MEETING HELD AT THE DENISON.

Suggestions Made That Will Be Put  
Into Proper Shape at a Meet-  
ing To-Day.

### OUTLINE OF RESOLUTIONS

### AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE PRESENT PHILIPPINE POLICY.

### Manner in Which Trusts and Com- binations Will Be Handled—Mat- ters of Interest.

The platform of principles to be adopted  
by the Republican State convention will be  
drafted this morning in the office of Hon.  
Addison C. Harris, who is chairman of the  
subcommittee appointed for that purpose.  
The members of the subcommittee who will  
prepare the platform are Senator Charles  
W. Fairbanks, Hon. Addison C. Harris,  
Representatives Jesse Overstreet, James A.  
Hemenway and E. D. Crumpacker and  
Judge A. O. Marsh. The committee was  
selected last night at a conference of Re-  
publican leaders who met in the Denison  
House to discuss suggestions as to the  
make-up of the platform and other ques-  
tions relating to the State convention. The  
conference was long and interesting. Na-  
tional and State questions were discussed  
with some freedom, and out of the multi-  
tude of suggestions made it is expected  
that a platform will be evolved represent-  
ing accurately the position of the Repub-  
lican party on issues on which the people  
are most interested.

James P. Goodrich, of Winchester, chair-  
man of the Republican state central com-  
mittee, presided at the conference. There  
were present, among others, Senator Fair-  
banks, Representatives Overstreet, Crum-  
packer, Watson, Hemenway, Brick and  
Steele, Addison C. Harris, R. O. Hawkins,  
George F. McCullough, Governor Durbin,  
Attorney General Taylor and Auditor of  
State Hart. A rough draft of the platform  
was submitted to Chairman Goodrich, who  
presented it to the platform committee,  
and it will be polished up and reshaped this  
morning.

This draft includes the following expres-  
sions:

"We mourn the death of President Wil-  
liam McKinley."

"We believe that the administration of Pres-  
ident Theodore Roosevelt."

"We hold that the doctrine of American  
sovereignty in the Philippines must be  
maintained, and we approve the course of  
the administration in regard to the islands."  
"We hold that the Philippines should be  
given as much part in the administration  
of their affairs as is compatible with ex-  
isting conditions."

"We are gratified that Cuba has been  
launched under its own government so  
auspiciously."

"We adhere to the policy of protection  
which has benefited commerce and in-  
dustry immeasurably, and under which  
wages have increased."

"We favor the extension of markets  
through reciprocity whenever and where-  
ever it can be done."

"We endorse the doctrine of tariff schedules  
from time to time as changing conditions  
justify."

"We reassert the doctrine of sound money  
and the value of the gold standard as most  
beneficial to the interests of all the people."

"We favor the construction of an in-  
ter-oceanic canal connecting the Atlantic  
with the Pacific ocean."

"We favor legislation which shall bar  
out cheap labor and maintain the American  
laboring man in his present prosperity."

"We believe that liberal provision as to  
pensions should be made for the widows  
and the orphans and the survivors of the  
recent wars with Spain, in the Philippines  
and in China."

"We endorse the acts of the senators and  
the representatives in Congress for marked  
ability and devotion to the principles of  
the party and the people."

"We favor stringent laws for the sup-  
pression of anarchy, lawlessness and dis-  
order."

"We are opposed to all combinations  
which have for their aim the restriction  
of business and the control of prices."

"We recognize that combinations of labor  
and capital are necessary in developing in-  
dustry and business since combinations in-  
correctly conducted, are able to accomplish  
what individuals could not. We de-  
cline, however, the evils which result from  
combinations of labor and capital and com-

### BATSON MUST DIE.

### Convicted of the Murder of Six Mem- bers of the Earl Family.

LAKE CHARLES, La., April 21.—The  
jury in the case of Edward Batson, charged  
with the murder of the Earl family, six in  
number, has rendered a verdict of murder  
in the first degree. The penalty is death.  
The verdict was reached yesterday, but  
Judge Miller declined to receive it until to-  
day. The delay in reaching it resulted from  
the desire of one of the jurors to qualify  
their finding so as to send Batson to the  
penitentiary for life rather than to the  
scaffold. They finally yielded to the ma-  
jority.

Batson's eyes were filled with tears when  
the jurors were polled, but he quickly re-  
tained his composure. His mother, Mrs.  
Payne, was deeply affected by the results  
and hundreds of hands were extended to  
her in sympathy. Mrs. Payne will return to  
Missouri to-morrow. The attorneys of Bat-  
son will make the usual legal motion for a  
new trial and then appeal the case to the  
Supreme Court.

### CHIEF HALE REMOVED.

### Kansas City Fire Chief Who Exhib- ited During Indianapolis Carnival.

KANSAS CITY, April 21.—George C. Hale,  
chief of the fire department in this city,  
was removed from office by the City Coun-  
cil to-night upon the recommendation of  
Mayor James A. Reed. Edward Trickett,  
first assistant chief, was chosen as Hale's  
successor. Chief Hale has been at the  
head of the fire department since 1874. He  
is the inventor of fire apparatus in gen-  
eral use, and in 1890 took a fire company  
to Europe for exhibition. The new chief  
has been a fireman here for twenty-three  
years.

### CANDIDATES FOR AUDITOR.

### A Glimpse Into the Headquarters of Each One of Them.

One of the first apartments it is conven-  
ient to enter after stepping from the eleva-  
tor on the parlor floor of the Denison is  
the headquarters of Frank Martin, candi-  
date for auditor of state. Mr. Martin is  
giving out circulars containing a "write-  
up" of his candidacy published by a Leba-  
non newspaper in February last. Another  
circular contains an excellent portrait of  
the young man, who has an exceedingly  
pleasing face and is a model of neatness.  
Mr. Martin is being "assisted in reciev-  
ing" by Samuel R. Artman, former speaker of  
the House of Representatives; E. T. Lane  
and George Campbell, of Lebanon, John C.  
Wingate, of Lebanon, and the latter of Cov-  
ington.

In Room 20 Francis H. Doran, Laporte  
county candidate for auditor of state, is  
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